

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-18, 28-30, and 32-34 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 28, and 32-33 are amended, claim 31 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 34 is added. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Decision on Appeal reversed the rejection of claims 4 and 13-18. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 34. Accordingly, claims 13-18 and 34 should be in condition for allowance. Independent claims 1, 6, 28, and 32 have been amended in response to the comments of the Administrative Patent Judges in the Decision on Appeal, and thus, should also be in condition for allowance, along with claims 2, 4-5, 7, 9-12, 29-30, and 33, which depend respectively therefrom.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

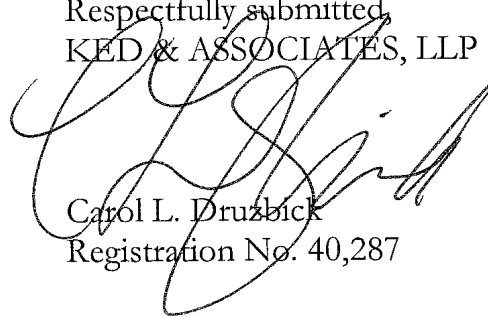
If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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